

South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society  
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During 2010, Congress authorized naming the United States Courthouse in Rapid City after the Honorable Andrew Wendell Bogue, who served as a district court judge in South Dakota from April of 1970 until his death in June of 2009. A naming ceremony will be held during the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Rapid City during August of 2011. Chief Judge Karen E. Schreier has assumed responsibility for planning that event.

In September of 2010, Judge Jeffrey L. Viken, who was the first Obama-nominated district court judge to be confirmed, and Judge Roberto A. Lange, who was the second Obama-nominated district judge to be confirmed, attended Phase II Judicial Training with the initial 37 district court and appeals court judges nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate. Judge Lange was chosen to speak on behalf of the 37 new judges at the reception and banquet at the United States Supreme Court.

At the end of 2010, primary responsibility for the South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society records and report transferred from Judge Viken to Judge Lange. Historical records from Judge Donald J. Porter's service as a district judge were joined with the remaining records.

The account for the South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society was closed a number of years ago, so there are no funds on hand. Funding sources to complete planned oral histories for Judge Lawrence L. Piersol and Judge Charles B. Kornmann will be determined when those planned projects are undertaken.